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Sterilization Victims Office Forwards 281 Claims to Industrial Commission for Compensation

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As of May 1, 2014, the Office for Justice of Sterilization Victims (Office) has received 442 claim forms from potential Eugenics Board sterilization victims. 281 of those claim forms have been forwarded to the NC Industrial Commission to determine whether the claimants are eligible for compensation. The victims of North Carolina's 1933 Eugenics Board (sterilization) Program have until June 30, 2014 to submit a completed claim form to the Office for Justice of Sterilization Victims to be eligible to receive compensation under the Eugenics Compensation Program. As of early 2013, 176 living victims were verified in an attempt to identify sterilization victims.

The Office is working to notify as many victims of the sterilization program as possible about the impending June 30 deadline. The Office sent approximately 1,000 direct mail pieces to identified victims, has placed hundreds of telephone calls and has conducted media interviews on television, radio and in print. In addition, the Office has partnered on general outreach with state agencies such as DHHS, DMV, Council for Women, Commission of Indian Affairs, Human Relations Commission, Governor's Office of Community and Constituent Affairs, and the UNC Center for Civil Rights to assist in this effort.

For more information, including claim forms, please visit the Office for Justice of Sterilization Victims online or call 919-807-4270.

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